

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, AL
Russell Cave National Monument, AL
Little River Canyon National Preserve, AL
Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, AL
Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, AL
De Soto National Memorial, FL
Canaveral National Seashore, FL
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, GA
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, GA
Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, GA
Martin Luther King National Historic Site, GA
Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, NC
Blue Ridge Parkway, NC
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, NC and TN
Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, TN

Oral Rabies Vaccination Program Environmental Assessment Opportunity for Public Involvement May 6, 2004

The U.S. Department of Interior (USDI), National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHISWS) and various state agencies (i.e., health departments, agriculture departments, and wildlife agencies), is proposing to implement an oral rabies vaccination (ORVAC) program at several park units in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee to stop the spread of specific raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) rabies variants or "strains" of the rabies virus and reduce or eliminate this strain of the virus from the eastern United States.

To evaluate alternatives and determine environmental consequences, we have prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for this project. We would like your input regarding this EA to help us in making an informed decision. The EA is available on the NPS website at www.nps.gov/sero/planning or you may request a hard copy from:

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